

EXPERT FIGURES ON NEW PENSION BILL

It Will Require Millions of Dollars to Carry Out Provisions of the Senate Measure--Fire Stamps to Help Baltimore Fire Sufferers

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—Bunyan's "Pilgrims Progress" suffered a setback during the recent storm and came to grief in the Capitol grounds. It steered all night in Washington, and in the morning the hill crowned by the Capitol was as smooth as glass. Staid Senators and Representatives took the yellow cars, for no one could walk up the hill.

Shortly after 10 o'clock the big auto used by the Congressional library started down town to deliver books and return with mail. The auto is a handsome one, and in fact is regarded as the handsomest one in Washington.

From the Congressional library to the hill proper the distance is about 2000 feet, and this space the great carriage covered at a rapid rate, and was soon on the decline. The chauffeur saw his mistake before he had gone a dozen yards, and applied the brakes. The machine stopped for a moment and then wheeled in a circle. The motor was reversed, but it did no good, and went waiting down the hill, circling rapidly as it gained momentum.

Half-way down the hill, where New Jersey avenue enters the Capitol grounds, the vehicle struck a curb and was brought up suddenly against a Japanese Japonica tree and badly wrecked.

Strange to say the only book in the vehicle damaged was a copy of Bunyan's "Pilgrims Progress," which was addressed to C. B. Landis, the genial Congressman from the Ninth Indiana district, which now needs new binding. After an effort of at least two hours the wrecked machine was righted by the Capitol police, and by means of a block and tackle was carefully let down the rest of the hill, when it was dragged to the shop for repairs.

Republican leaders in Congress are of the opinion that the service pension bill will pass at this session, they having reached a conclusion that the time is now ripe for such legislation. The age limit, it is said, will be fixed at 65 years, when the old soldiers will be entitled to pension. The pension bureau has figured out that less than \$10,000,000 would be paid out on pensions, so prepared, in the first year. It is expected that these pensions would call for approximately \$15,000,000 the second year, and possibly reach \$19,500,000 thereafter, which would be the high watermark. In the opinion of pension office experts, a decrease in payments would then begin, because of the ages reached by the beneficiaries.

One of the ways suggested to help the hundreds of people made idle by the Baltimore fire is that the Postoffice department make a special issue of postage stamps to be known as the "Baltimore Fire Fund" stamp, this stamp to be of the face value of 2 cents and available for use wherever the current 2-cent stamp may be used, but sold by postmasters to the public for 5 cents, the 3 cents to go into the fund for the relief of distress in Baltimore.

The consumption of 2-cent postage stamps in the United States is about \$6,000,000 per day. Assuming that for a period of 100 days 2 per cent of the stamps used should be the "Fire Fund."

COOL-HEADED WOMEN STAY WRATH OF MOB

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Quick action by a crowd of women passengers probably saved an Italian from death at the hands of a mob in Paterson, N. J.

The Italian had slashed an Erie conductor with his razor in a dispute over a pass. He was seized by enraged passengers, thrown upon the rails before an approaching passenger train, where the crowd proposed to hold him. In the darkness it is likely he would have been cut to pieces.

Several women ran up the track and signaled the train to stop. Police arrived at that moment and hustled the Italian to jail.

The conductor's throat was badly torn by the razor, and he probably will die.

ROUTING OF KAISER IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

BERLIN, Feb. 27.—Emperor William has never traveled far in a modern passenger steamer and that fact is given as the reason for his taking the North German Lloyd steamer Koenig Albert on his twelve-days trip to the Mediterranean.

The cruiser Heinrich II. will convey the Koenig Albert all the way to Messina and afterward, with the dispatch boat Slesinger, will accompany the Hohenzollern in a leisurely four weeks' cruise without a fixed itinerary to Corfu and as far eastward as Athens, but not to Constantinople.

The return will be made overland and at no time during the trip will his Majesty be more than two days out of reach of land.

"BIF" ANSWERS DEATH CALL IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Frank Ellison, known as "Bif," a familiar character in this city, is dead from pneumonia. He is said to have been the youngest officer in the Union army, having run away from his home in Philadelphia and received a Lieutenant's commission at the age of 15.

Ellison was once a member of the stock exchange and belonged to the leading clubs. In 1893 he assaulted another broker and was sentenced three years in the penitentiary. Efforts were made by influential friends to procure his pardon, but it was granted only a few months before the expiration of the sentence.

EXCITING MAN HUNT IN NEW YORK STATE

Aged Man Accused of Assaulting a Woman Run Down and Saved From Mob.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Feb. 27.—After one of the most exciting man hunts in the history of this city, lasting for nearly thirty hours, Morris Odell, charged with attacking two women, has been captured. Prompt arrival of policemen saved the man from falling into the hands of a crowd of fifty men who were chasing him.

Odell is a white man, nearly 60 years old, and was captured by Levi Ray, colored.

Foremost in the crowd was Frank Pancher, husband of one of the alleged victims. Pancher was unarmed, but he jumped for Odell, struck him and attempted to wring his neck until pulled away by a policeman.

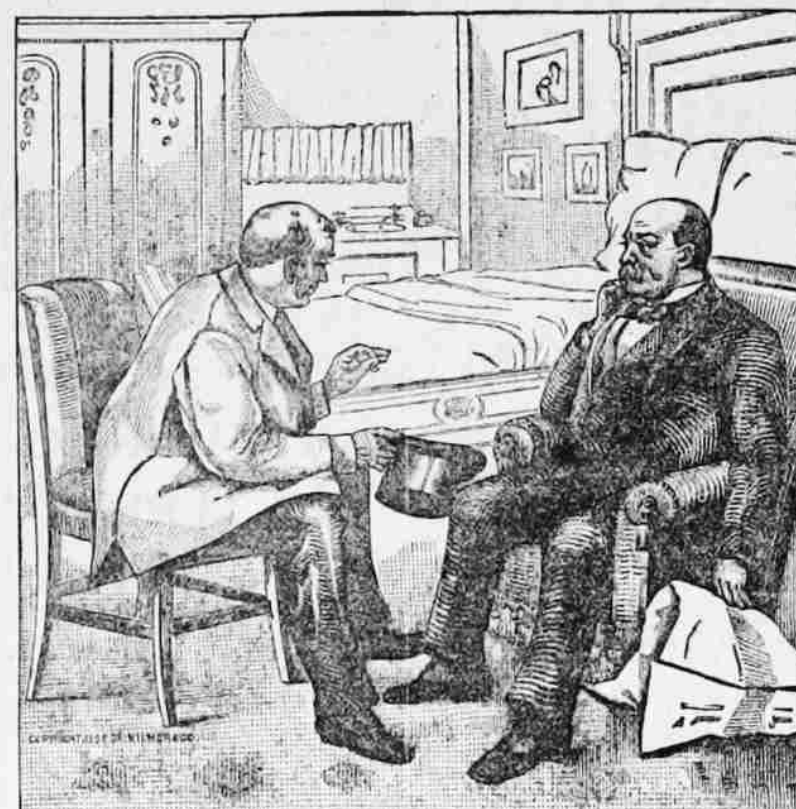
Odell's wife died recently, and he is said to have drunk heavily since then. After attacking his stepdaughter, he visited Pancher's house, where he formerly boarded. Mrs. Pancher was at work and did not see him enter. He seized the woman, choked her almost senseless and fled when the children gave an alarm.

METHODIST MISSIONARIES TO MEET IN DENVER

DENVER, Feb. 27.—Word has been received here from Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, national president of the Woman's Home Missionary society of the Methodist church, that the twenty-fourth national convention will be held in Denver in September of this year.

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